changes wherever necessary so as to make it more efficient, reduce costs and margins and provide the consumer satisfaction and protection.

Homoeopathic physicians working in the CGHS

685. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Homoeopathic Physicians working in the CGHS are holding the status at par with their counterparts in other systems of medicine;

(b) what are the reasons for which Physicians in other systems of medicine are transferred from Delhi/New Delhi to outstation CGHS Dispensaries whereas the Homoeopathic Physicians remain posted in Delhi/New Delhi and are not transferred to any outstation Dispensaries in this scheme; and

(c) the names of Homoeopathic Physicians who have not worked in any outstation Homoeopathic Dispensaries and names of those posted outside who have not worked in any Delhi/New Delhi Homoeopathic Dispensaries/Units till date from the date of their appointment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Homoeopathic Physicians are also transferable outside Delhi/New Delhi.

(c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Working In ISM/Homoeopathic C.G.H.S. Units

686. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in C.G.H.S. Units of I.S.M. and Homoeopathy the work of (i) Registration Clerk (ii) Pharmacist (iii) Store Keeper (iv) Office Clerk is being taken by only one Pharmacist posted in such Units by C.G.H.S. whereas in First Aid Allopathic Centres under C.G.H.S., separate employee for all such posts have been deputed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to remove the prevailing disparity in Allopathic and I.S.M. and Homoeopathic by providing separate staff on each and every post in the near future; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) the staff of I.S.M. Units is according to the approved staffing norm. However, there is no approved staffing norm for First Aid Allopathic Centres and staff is posted there by internal adjustment.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Appointment of Physicians/Pharmacists in C.G.H.S.

687. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the name of the appointing authority in cases of Physicians and Pharmacists working in C.G.H.S.; and

(b) whether Government are aware that the Seniority lists of C.G.H.S. Physicians is prepared at all India level whereas the Seniority list of C.G.H.S. Pharmacists is prepared at State/Union Territory level; if so the reasons for this type of disparity and steps Government propose to take to remove it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) President of India is the appointing authority for the Physicians. Deputy Director, C.G.H.S. is the appointing authority of Pharmacists.

(b) Yes, since appointment of Physicians is made through U.P.S.C. on All India basis their seniority is fixed by UPSC themselves and as such, the seniority is maintained on All India basis, whereas the Pharmacists are recruited by the respective Units of CGHS through the Local Employment Exchange of the city. As such their seniority is maintained city-wise.

Upgradation of CGHS Units to Dispensaries

688. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the status of C.G.H.S. Units to C.G.H.S. Dispensaries in various systems of Medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the upgradation is likely to be affected by C.G.H.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Medical/Paramedical Sanctioned Staff in CGHS Units in Delhi

689. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the medical and paramedical sanctioned staff strength for C.G.H.S. Units of various system of medicines in Delhi;

(b) whether in C.G.H.S. Homoeopathic unit, South Avenue, New Delhi the staff posted is more than the sanctioned strength; and

(c) if so, the reasons for putting more staff than the sanctioned strength in one unit, ignoring the other unit in respect of increasing the staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The sanctioned staff strength in accordance with the adopted norm of ISM and Homoeopathic units is as under:—

(i) Physician.....2

(ii) Pharmacist cum-Clerk.....1

(iii) Class IV.....1

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. One Pharmacist-cum-Clerk and one Safaiwala are posted for the time being at CGHS unit, South Avenue over and above the sanctioned strength.

Facilities provided to war widows

690. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what facilities have been provided by Government to war widows in the matter of pension, education, employment, medical care, housing etc;

(b) whether there is any welfare fund for the war widows if so, which authority monitors the spending of the funds so as to avoid its misuse and what is the periodicity of the audit of funds, if any, stating when the funds were audited last and the nature of the irregularities, if any, found in its operation; and

(c) whether voluntary organisations are also given grants for welfare of war widows; if so, what is the basis on which funds are given to the voluntary organisation and the manner in which the grants are monitored?